

Cevaa extraordinary Executive Council

Video meeting – 15th January, 2021



Final Communiqué

The Executive Council of Cevaa met on Friday 15 January 2021, in an extraordinary session by videoconference. The meeting, technically managed from the Secretariat in Montpellier, was chaired by Mrs. Henriette Mbatchou, President of the Community. Despite some episodic concerns about the web connection, all members of the Council were able to take part in this extraordinary session, which began with a meditation on the text: Luke 5: 17-28. The healing, both spiritual and physical, carried out by Jesus in this text, invites us to revisit the first slogan of the Cevaa, namely: “The whole Gospel to the whole Man”. The act, performed by those who brought the paralytic to Jesus, also reminds us of our mission, that of bringing to Christ the sufferings of the earth, through our persevering faith, prayer, and action.

The Council worked on all agenda items of this extraordinary session, called to consider the necessary modifications and adaptations to be made to the program of the celebrations of the Cevaa Jubilee. Indeed, without the pandemic and its consequences, the celebrations of the Cevaa 50th anniversary should have been launched by the General Assembly in October 2020. Given the one-year postponement of the General Assembly, the Executive Council had to take decisions before its ordinary session in April.

Celebrations of the Cevaa Jubilee

The Executive Council carefully studied the chronogram of the celebrations of the Cevaa Jubilee; the Council adopted the logo, as well as the theme of the Jubilee: “Cevaa: let’s keep the flame!”. Among the celebrations selected for this anniversary, the Council approved the organization of a launching worship service held during the Council of April 2021, and the planning of a “Sunday of the Cevaa” in all the parishes of the member Churches. The Council also adopted the principle of launching a Song Contest and a Children’s Drawing Contest; the idea of publishing a Collection of Prayers from all member Churches was also retained.

Finally, the Council approved the idea of a global plan of actions and communication for the Jubilee, as well as the idea of publishing a Booklet.

Program of 2021 General Assembly and question of the periodicity of General Assemblies

This extraordinary session also enabled the Council to adopt the draft program of the 2021 General Assembly, amended to answer the uncertainties caused by the pandemic. In addition, following the experiences made during this world health crisis (virtual meetings, videoconferences...) and in connection with the ongoing reflections on the Cevaa finances, the Council considered it necessary to examine most thoroughly the question of the periodicity of the Cevaa General Assemblies; it appointed a team to study this question and to make proposals to the Council of April 2021, in order to address recommendations to the General Assembly of October 2021 for possible modifications to the constituent texts of the Cevaa.

The Council took the opportunity of this extraordinary session to exchange news from the Churches and information on some worrying situations (health or political), which will be carried in prayer. The President closed this extraordinary session, thanking all participants for their availability and responsiveness.

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